ever offed TME Jake Consisting

ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA, SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1875.

NUMBER 35.

NCOLORED JAPAN OOLONGS

They satisful County Manual of the County of

Idly they talked of waltz and quadrille, Idly they laughed, like other girls, Who over the firt, when all is still, Comb out their braids and curls

Knots of katin and Brussels lace, Kuots of flowers, and ribbons too, Scattered about in overy places, o al but.

And Mand and Madgio my bis of white, The pretitiest night-gowns under the sun Stockingless, slipperless, sit in the night, After the revel is done.

sit and comb their beautiful hair,
Those wonderful waves of brown and gold,
Till the fire is out in the chamber there,
And the little bare feet are cold.

When out of the gathering winter chill, And out of the bitter St. Agnes weather, While the fire is out and the house is still, Maud and Madge together—

Maud and Madge, in robes of white, The prottipet night-gowns under the sun, Cartained away from the chilly night, After the revel is done.

Float along in a splendid dream, ICC Co. To a golden gittern's tinkling tone, While a thousand lustres shimmering stream, In a palace's grand saloon.

Finshes of jewels and flutter of laces, Tropical odors sweeter then musk, Men and women with beautiful faces, And eyes of beautiful dusk.

And one face shining like a star, One face haunting the dreams of each, And one voice, sweeter than others are, Breaking in silvery speech.

Telling through lips of hearded bloom: An old, old story o'er again, As down the royal bannered room, To a golden gittern's strain, Two and two they dreamly walk,
While an unseen spirit walks beside,
And all unheard, in lovers' talk,
He claimeth one for his bride.

Oh, Maud and Madge, dream on together, With never a pang of jealous fear! For here the bitter St. Agnes weather Shall whiten another year.

Robed for the bridal and robed for the tomb Braided brown hair and golden tress, here'll be only one of you left for the bloom Of the bearded lips to press!

Only one robe for the bridat pearls, The robe of satin and Brussels lac Only one to blush through her surla in At sight of a lover's face.

O, beautiful Madge, in your bridat white!
For you the revel has just begun;
But for her who sleeps in your arms to-night,
The revel of Life is done!

But robed and crowned with saintly bliss, Queen of Heaven and bride of the sun, O, beautiful Maud, you'll never miss The kisses another has won!

ANASTASIA'S GHOST.

royember night. Some vague presentiment of evil weighed upon my heart, as I sat alone in the twilight. And yet there was nothing apparently to make me gloomy. On the contrary I ought to have been more than usually cheerful; had I not received a delictous promise from Katie Nelson that very afternoon?

It seemed to be odd, to be sure, that a gray-haired widower like myself was to marry this girl of eighteen. Her mother had been a housekeeper in our family, but died soon after Katie's birth. So it happened that she was adopted by us, as we had no children of our own. My wife treated her kindly, but without much warmth of feeling. Anastasia was of such a peculiar disposition that I actually believed she was jealous of this

Poor Anastasia! she warned me solemnly on her death-bed never to marry again, and threatened to rise from her

grave in case of such an event.

Katie was in her tenth year when my wife died. I sent her away to a boarding school; and, as business called me abroad, did not see her again until my return, eight years afterwards. I was somewhat bewildered to find a lovely somewhat bewildered to find a lovely woman, instead of the little girl I had left in short dresses. Of course you can guess the sequel: I fell in love with this charming adopted daughter. There was something in the frank tenderness of her manner that completely won my heart.

It was evident that she was deeply attached to me. I could not help seeing how much higher she valued my society than that of my nephew, Charles Raymond, who had accompanied me from abroad. She never addressed him except in monosyllables, and would flush all over with embarrassment if he but entered the room. But with me, she was always self-possessed, and so talkative and sociable that I could not help pitying Charlie. He was really quite good-looking, and I used to wonder sometimes at her antipathy. Poor fellow; how I dreaded to tell him of my approaching happiness. It would be a great blow to his hopes, for he had excepted to inherit my feature.

pected to inherit my fortune.

Katie wasn't a bit like other girls that
I had ever known anything about. Instead of blushing at my confession that afternoon the turned pale, and shivered as if struck by a sudden chill. I noticed, too, that there was a strange quiver in her voice when she finally consented to be my wife. I was appre-bensive that Charlie had told her what Anatasia had said on her death-bed.
And yet I couldn't believe her ghost
would be so inconsiderate. Somehow,
I couldn't forget that warning. Anas asia was a remarkable woman, and would
suraly keep her word if ghosts are not surely keep her word, if ghosts are permitted to walk the earth. Thinking thue, I began to grow frightened at the shadows in my room, and hastily rang

the bell for lights. "Why are you so late, Bridget," I asked, sharply, as the servant entered the room.

"Indade, sir, and it's meself that's

ly. Charlie came in while we were talking: "Katie ill?" he said, with a shadow on his brow. "Is it anything serious,

what business had he to take any special interest in Katie.
"Only a headache," I answered, coldly, "She is subject to such attacks. Bring in the tea, Bridget."
"We shall have a lonesome evening,"

Charlie sighed.

with the girl himself. It was cheerless, though, without Katie, I missed her bright face behind

the tea-tray, Charlie left his cup untasted. My jealousy was aroused, and I watched him keenly.

As soon as we were alone, I said, half angrily, "What is the matter, Charlie?

You look as if you hadn't a friend on earth. I didn't know before that you liked Katie so well." liked Katie so well."

The crimson leaped up to his very brow.

"I am glad that you do," I continued, hastily, "for you will soon be connected by ties of relationship. She has promised to be my wife." You are jesting, uncle!" he said.

doubtingly. "I was never more serious in my life," I answered.

Charlie showed evident signs of agitation. "You have no right to sacrifice that

young girl," he said, bitterly. "You are old enough to be her father. Of course she accepted you from gratitude. How dare you think of such a thing?"
"No wonder that you rave," I replied, with a mocking smile; "you are

disappointed of your inheritance."

At that moment the wind gave a fearful shriek outside, and I thought of Anastasia.

"Are you not afraid to marry again?" harlie inquired, maliciously. "You Charlie inquired, maliciously. "You remember the warning?" "Nonsense!" I answered; "it will

take something more than a ghost to frighten me out of this marriage."

I had scarcely finished speaking, when there came a gust of wind, and a crashing of glass, and the storm actually swept into the room. We glanced around us in dismay. The boughs of a large elm tree, that stood in front of the house, had fallen against the win-

cowered over the fire, and then barred the window in such a manner as le keep that suc ruit. A strange gloom enveloped us both, and we did not return again to the subject we had been discussing. Our conversation was fitful, and it seemed a relief when we separated

Charlie gave me a poculiar look as I

at bed-time.

There is no use in denying that I was troubled a little with superstitious fears. I peered round anxiously into every corner of the room before retiring, but found no sign of any mysterious visitant. I had such a fear of the darkness, however, that I left the

candle burning.

The fury of the storm had not abated, and I lay awake sometime listening to the wind. At last, however, I fell into an uneasy slumber. How long I had slept I know not, when I was awakened

by an icy touch upon my forchead.

i. I stanted up, with a thrill of apprehension. The light emitted a faint, sepulchral gleam. Ob, horror! what was that I saw? A figure, roped in white, came gliding toward me from the foot of the bed. The face was hidden from my view, but I knew from the form that it was the ghost of Anas tasia.

"William Raymond," came hoarse voice from the figure; "I am here to avenge your infidelity, and to drag you down to the grave in my embrace.

"Habrished with terror as I felt her clutch my threat, and cried, faintly, "Mercy! mercy!" "You would marry Katie Nelson,

would you? whispered the ghost, mockingly. "If you do not wish to die"—and here the icy fingers pressed so tight that I gasped for breath—"promise me that you will not take a second wife."

"Oh, I promise! I promise!" said I, helf ded with towers.

half dead with terror.
"Woe be unto you, if you deceive me!" answered the ghost solemnly. And I heard no more.

It was some time, however, before I ventured to cast a timid glance around the room. The ghost had disappeared. The storm, too, was beginning to subside; but I could not go to sleep again, for I found it impossible to forget that pliantom and its deadly clutch upon my throat. I resolved to say nothing about it. Of course, people would ridicule the idea of a ghost. Nevertheless, I did not dare to wed Katie Nelson; yet how could I explain this sudden change of purpose? I fervently hoped that she would not die of a broken heart, the poor child! What should I say to

After considerable reflection, I re-solved to trust this delicate affair to Charlie. The proposed marriage was so odious in his eyes that I knew he would justify my apparent treachery to her, if possible.

Morning came, and I arose in a feverish state of mind. How I dreaded to meet Katie at the breakfast table! but, fortunately, she did not make her appear ance. Charlie looked so troubled that I almost fancied he, too, lied seen the

After breakfast, I said to him, with an embarrassment that I stroye to hide, "My dear boy, do you remember what we were talking about last evening? I have been thinking over the matter se-

age to brave her reproaches. Now, Charlie, will you act as mediator, and make known this change in my views?" "Why, uncle," he answered, and I was almost sure that I saw a gleam of

mischief in his eyes, "something extra-ordinary must have happened. You are not usually so fickle!"

are not usually so fickle!"

"We won't discuss the matter," said
I, in an irritated tone. "Will you, or
will you not, grant my request?"

"Of course, I will," he replied;
"but it is a difficult task. The poor
child will be so disappointed!"

I detected a joyous ring in his
voice, and I looked at him rather suspiciously.

His diplomatic mission was success ful, however. Late in the afternoon, Katie came down into the library where was sitting. I had never seen her ook prettier.

"Oh, Mr. Raymond!" she said, eagerly, "I am se glad that you have changed your mind! It was so unexpected yesterday. I never dreamed before that you loved me in any other

way than as a daughter."
Was this acting? was she trying to deceive me in her sweet unselfishness? "Then you never loved me?" I

asked. "Dear Mr. Raymond, you know better," she answered; "only it was not exactly the kind of love one ought to feel toward a husband. You are as dear to me as if you were my own father; but you are so much older than I, that that."

She hesitated, and did not finish her sentence. I remembered my gray hairs with a pang of mortified vanity. Was not the ghostly visit enough? Must I

be tortured in this manner afterward?
The veil was torn away from the delusion I had cherished. Alas! I had
misinterpreted her childish affection.
It might be that she loved another. I looked down into the face where a vivid

scarlet glowed, and read her secret.
"My dear child," I exclaimed, at tempting to control my agitation, "tell

me everything."

"Oh, Mr. Raymond," she answered in confusion, "Charlie has asked me to be his wife." The rascal! No wonder that he re-

mained with her such a long time that morning; no wonder that he boasted of thing had been explained.

"The impudent fellow!" I muttered, impatiently. "What did you answer, ohda? Do you love him?"

Low and soft the answer came:

"Yes."

The heart of a woman is a mystery that I cannot fathom. I was certainly outwitted by my nephew. He might have been afraid, however, that my conscience would reproach me if Katie showed her disappointment. I have little doubt that she loved me far better

than she would confess.

Ah, well! they were married in due time, and we are all living together.

The dear children do everything they

can to add to my happiness,

Katie is still a beautiful woman, and

Charlie is the staff of my old age.

I never saw the ghost again. In fact,
I have good reason to think that the mysterious visitant was a certain grace-less nephew of mine, who had fallen in love with Katie. Of course I forgave the deception long ago, as it saved me from a terrible mistake.

I am much happier, probably, than if I had married the young girl whose heart belonged to another. I am not certain, however, that she did not account Chaplic from the same of the same o cept Charlie from Any way, he has made her a good tion. husband.

The Art of Listening to Music.

A writer in Scribner's says : "There is no greater delusion than that of sup-posing that the best music can be en-joyed only by the 'musical.' Ordinary people can derive keen pleasure from a sympathetic listening to great music if they will but believe that they can, and so attend to it accordingly. There is so attend to it accordingly. There is no need of being baffled by a want of knowledge concering keys; nor by an ignorance of modulation. Your next neighbor may know that the air began in G major, and then passed into B minor, but you can get your own simpler pleasure out of it. What is it to me what Titan's secret of color might have been? He had it, and that is enough for one who cannot even draw. The first rule in listening to music isto listen. We do not want to arouse ourselves to a fe zy of delight, but we do want to hear what the music is like. A very simple and very good rule for those who are perplexed by an or-chestra, and who fancy they are puzzeld to know where the tune comes in. is to listen to one instrument, the violins, for instance, alone for a time. These will probably take up the melody and sing it plainly enough, then the movement may become more compli-cated, and the air seems to have grown more florid, to be broken perhaps into brilliant fragments, but hearken!—the vicioncelli have taken it up, and over it floats this new and lovely strain of vicins, then the flutes catch the melody, the cornets and the bassoon swell the harmony, the drum makes it rhythmic beats, the whole orchestra is alive with the theme, and before you know it you are in the very center of the music, and what was before involved and intricate now becomes plain and beauti-

—" How is your church getting on?" asked a friend of a rigorous Scotchman, been with Miss Katie every blessid minnit, and she's almost kilt with a pain in
her head."

Could this be the result of our conversation that alternoon? Considerably startled, I questioned Bridget eager.

an embarrassment that I stroyed of inde,
"My dear boy, do you remember what
we were talking about last evening? I
have been thinking over the matter seriously, and am afraid that a marriage
between Katie and myself will result in
unhappiness; but I have not the courof Sandy's soundness."

FROST-BITTEN.

FEY GEORGE A. BAKER, J. R.

We were riding home from the Carroll's ball, Nelly Sansargent and I, you know; The white fickes fluttered about our lamps, And our wheels rolled silently through the We'd danced together the evening through,
For Berustein's viols had "played their best;"
Her fair head droped, her lids were low,
And her dreamy oyes were full of rest.

Her white arms nestled along her lap, Her hands half holding with weary grace Her fading ylolets—passing sweet Was the fir-off look on her fair young face.

watched ber, speaking never a word, For I would not waken those dreaming eyes; But the breath of the violets Alled the air, And my thoughts were many and far from wise

At last, I said to her, bending near, "Ah, Neay Sansargent, sweet 'twould be To ride together our whole lives long, Alone with the violets, you and me."

Her fair face flushed, and her sweet eyes fell; Low as the murmur of meadow-rills Her answer came to me—"Yes—perhaps; But who would settle our carriage bills?" The delicate blossoms breathed their last; Our wheels rolled hard on the stones just then, Where the snow had drifted; the subject dropped Aud has hever been taken up again.

Syrian Sponges.

The latest project before the acclima-tization society of Paris is the cultivation of the celebrated Syrian sponge in the waters of southern France, a valuable and most useful product, which, like many another gift of the sea, is in danger of extermination through excessive fishing.

The sponge-producing grounds of Syria occur along the coast, from Mount Carmellin the south to Alexandretta in the north, the centers of production being Tripoli, Ruad, Lattakia, and Bartroun, on the coast of Mount Leba-non. The best quanities are found in the neighborhood of Tripoli and Bartroun. According to a late report of the British vice-consul at Beyrout, as many as three hundred boats are engaged in the fishery; the annual yield, though falling off through the exhaustion of the grounds, still amounts to \$100,000 to \$125,000. The majority of the heats used are ordinary fishing

the beats used are ordinary fishing boats from eighteen to thirty feet in langth, three parts decked over, and carrying one mast with an ordinary lug sail. They are manned by a crew of four of five men, one to haul and the rest to serve as divers.

In armer years the coast was much frequented by Greek divers from the islands of the Archipelago; the number is now restricted to five or six boats a year language of the fishing group of the sail of the Syrian combined with his better knowledge of the fishing group of the sail of the

cessfully with his foreign rival.

Diving is practiced from a very early age up to forty years after which few are able to continue the pursuit profitably. The depth to which the diver descends varies from five to thirty "brances," or from twenty-five to one hundred and seventy-five feet. The time he is able to spend under water depends on natural capacity, age, and training; sixty seconds time is reckoned good work-in rare instances eighty seconds are spent under water. Syrian diver uses a heavy stone to carry him quickly to the bottom, and is drawn nim quickly to the bottom, and is drawn up by a comrade. On the bottom, he holds the guide rope with one hand and tears off the aponges with the other, placing them in a net which he carries. No knife, spear or instrument of any kind is used in detaching the sponges; nor does he, like his Greek competitor, ever use the diving dress, having an antipathy to it on the score of its reputed tendency to produce paralysis of puted tendency to produce paralysis of the limbs. Two or three fatal accidents occur annually, mainly among the skill- word of advice, and that is to plant as occur annually, mainly among the skill-ful and daring, who sometimes drop the rope to secure a tempting prize, and missing it on their return, attempt to rise to the surface unaided, and are drowned. At other times the diver will be wounded by jagged rocks, or his ropes will become entangled, expos-ing him to great risks where the depth

is great. It is possible that this high-priced and durable variety of sponge might be cultivated in our southern waters, as a substitute for the beautiful but tender sponge they now yield. The experi-ment is worth trying.

Tobacco in Connecticut. At a recent meeting of the Connecti-At a recent meeting of the Connecta-cut Valley Agricultural Institute, Prof. Stockbridge is reported, in the New England Homestead, as saying that there was about forty million dollars' worth grown in the United States, in the following order: 1, Virginia; 2, North Carolina; 3, Maryland; 4, Kentucky; 5, Mississippi; 6, Connecticut; 7, Massachusetts, etc. The analysis of tobacco shows it to be a narcotic poison. No other plant is like it in composition. In a small quantity it is a stimulant, in a rapid grower, and draws from the soil more than any other plant. Clover takes from the mineral element of the soil ten per cent., tobacco twenty per cent., or one ton of tobacco exhausts 400 pounds of mineral substances for every acre. The Connecticut seed-leaf tobacco has a peculiarity, in contradistinction to any other in its fineness and thinness of leaf and texture, and light ness of color. Tobacco is made by its soil. It cannot be heavy clay, heavy loam or alluvial soil. Must be fine, sandy land, having absorbent power, and retaining heat through the night. Taking this poor soil a large quantity of manure must be used. The land is the machine for raising tobacco, and it must be fertilized and not allowed to deteriorate a particle. Tobacco is so exhaustive that no farmer or farm can be fed for the manure, and the streams of grain which flow in from the west are to be taken advantage of.

Prof. Stockbridge said if tobacco of us, big as well raising was managed on business printer than we are.

ciples, with economy, it is the best business a man can engage in, in the Connecticut valley. There will always be a market for all that will be grown. The reason of the present depression of the business is because the quality counted for in part by not using the right kind of fertilizers, but mainly in the future to ripen and cure it. Tobacco properly cured should be rivened just as much as any other plant we grow, and the modern method of plant ing it too near together has caused serious evil, and is the great source of pole-sweat. In planting so close to-gether all except the upper leaves are shaded, and the juices of the leaf are not properly elaborated. To make a fine leaf, and to develop the oils and

acids of the plant, we must expose it to the direct rays of the sun.

The curing process is defective; by the slow gradual process, much of the essential narcotic oil is lost. Prof. Stockbridge referred to a new system adopted largely in Maryland and Virginia, to cure tobacco by an artificial that purpose, And it could be done thoroughly in seven days, first making the heat temperature to eighty degrees, and the course of five or six days increasing to 130 degrees. This artificial curing retains all the virtue of the tobacco, in fact, increases its essential oils.—Rural New Yorker.

Early Marriages.

Discussion in the British house of commons on the subject brought out information as to the earliest ages at which marriage may be legally solemnwhich marriage may be legally solemnized in each of the states of continental Europe. In Austria it is 14 for both sexes; Hungary, 14 for males, 12 for females; Russia, 18 for males, 16 for females; Turkey, as soon as they are able; Italy, 18 for males, 15 for females; Prussia 18 and 14; France and Belgium, 18 and 15; Denmark 20 and 16; Greece, 14 and 12. In Hesse Darmstadt and Baden the consent of parents is necessary in the case of men until they have completed their 25th year; in that of women until they are 21. The completion of 18 years by males and 16 by females is necessary in the Netherlands, and in Saxe-Coberg Gotha no male is permitted to marry before he has attained his 21st year. In Saxony the legal age for males is 18; for females 16 years. According to the amended paragraph of the new German divil mariage bill, the ages would be respectively 20 and 16 years, instead of 18 and 14, as in the draft bill. In some of the cantons of Switzerland the law as to the ages of the contracting parties is as high as 20 years for males and 17 for females, and in others as low as 14 for males and 12 for females.

APPREHENSIONS OF DROUTH.—Says the Sugar Planter: Our planting friends have serious fears of a long drouth so soon as the pre-ent rains pass away, and with some show of reason. As we have stated in previous issues of this paper, the rains have been almost incesdeep as possible and hill up well when the shoots are above ground the proper height. Plenty of soil around young plants hold the moisture, and should the anticipations of a drouth be not realized, a little labor will remove any superfluous soil from cane, cotton and

Home Life. - It is the fashion of rest-Home Liffe.—It is the fashion of rest-less and ambitious women to despise home-life as too tame, too narrow, too uneventful for them. They long for a wider arena, set well in the view of the world, whereon to display their gifts or their acquirements; and they think this claustral home, this unexciting family of which they form a part, un-worthy of their efforts. And yet in worthy of their efforts. And yet in reality the art of living well at home, and making the family life a success, is just as great in its way, if not so important in its apparent—but only apportant in its apparent—but only apparent—results, as the finest shades of diplomacy and the largest transactions of business. All sorts of talents, both moral and intellectual, are wanted for the task; and it seems slightly irrational, to despise as futile qualities which so few of the are strong enough. which so few of us are strong enough to possess, or to rate them as beneath large quantities a deadly poison. It is the regard of high-minded people, when not one in a hundred has wit enough to employ them to a satisfactory issue.

YIELD A LITTLE. -It is better to yield a little than to quarrel a great deal. The habit of standing up, as people call it, for their (little) rights is one of the most disagreeable and undignified in the world. Life is too short for the perpetual bickerings which attend such a disposition; and unless a very mo-mentous affair indeed, where other peo-ple's claims and interests are involved, it is a question if it is not wiser, happier and more prudent to yield somewhat of precious rights than squabble to maintain them. True wisdom is first pure, then peaceable and gentle. "Herbert," said a perplexed mother,

"Why is it that you're not a better boy?" "Well," said the little fellow, soberly, looking up into her face with his honest blue eyes, "I suppose the real reason is that I don't want to be!" The child gave the real reason why all of us, big as well as little, are not bet-

FACTS AND FANCIES.

—Samuel Wilhelm, of Berks county, Pa., eight feet high, has applied for the situation of the late Irish giant,

-The woman who enacted the part of Katie King in the Holmes seances in Philadelphia is studying for the stage.

-Careful observations have shown that the average temperature of the human body within the tropics is nearly one degree higher than in a temperate

—In a fox-chase in England lately the Rev. C. W. Wilkinson broke his neck and Lady Florence Douglas smashed her collar-bone; but the fox was caught.

-Large apes of naturally intelligent breeds are put to good service in the straits settlements of the east. They are trained to climb the cocoanut palm trees, valuable for their fruit, which, ordinarily, is difficult to reach, and not only harvest the nuts but always select such as are ripe. They twist the nut round and round until it falls down from the stalk, and at each success testify their delight by jumps and chuckles. Apes so trained are hired out by their owners like so many fieldhands.

—The coast line of the United States under the supervision of the light-house board, including the northern lakes, is about 10,000 miles in extent, surpassing that of any other nation on the clobe. The number of light houses surpassing that of any other nation on the globe. The number of light-houses and lighted beacons along this coast line is 630; light-ships, 25; fog signals operated by steam or hot-air engines, 40; day or unlighted beacons, 350; to-tal, 1,065, being one beacon for every 10 miles of coast. Besides this, there are 3,000 buoys in position to indicate banks, rocks, and other obstructions in banks, rocks, and other obstructions in channels of navigation.

-Take a man and pin three or four large tablecloths about him, fastened back with elastic and looped up with ribbons; drag all his own hair to the middle of his head and tie it tight, and hair pin on about five pounds of other hair and a big bow of ribbon. Keep the front locks on pins all night and let them tickle his eyes all day; pinch his waist into a cerset, and give him gloves a size too small, and shoes ditto, and a hat that will not stay on without a torturing elastic, and a frill to tickle his chin, and a little lace well to blind his he will know what woman's dress is.

he will know what woman's dress is.

The thieves of Spain are gayly pursuing their mad career among pictures and statues. The celebrated cartoons of Goya at Madrid have gone after the Seville Murillo—which latter, indeed, has been recovered. The Virgin's crown in Saint Ferdinand's chapel at Seville has vanished. So has the "Master Dolorosa" of Alonzo Gano at Granada. The latest exploit of these enterprising fellows has been rumphantly carried out at Madrid. Their rooty is a small statue of the Virgin. Pooty is a small statue of the Virgin, most excellent of workmanship, and dating from the end of the sixteenth century. Its material is wood, gilt and painted. The thieves got it safely into Paris, where they borrowed a round sum upon it from MM. Andre and Mercuard, bankers. The Spanish legation has claimed the statue.

-The banishment of lepers is rigorously carried out in the Sandwich isles.
There was a recent official search for persons affected with the incurable malady, many having been secreted by their relatives. Hundreds were found and put into a vessel for transportation to the leper village, to be kept until they die. Their families gathered on the beach, and expressed their grief in loud lamentations. A talented half-breed, called Bill Ragsdale, has long held a high place in the regard of Sandwich Islanders. He is an orator of great natural power, and leader in the bad morals. He discovered that he was eprous, though the indications were so slight that he had escaped official notice, and at once gave himself up to the authorities. A procession of natives, singing and carrying flowers, escorted him to the vessel which was to take him and the others to their living graves. He made a speech to the assembly, urging submission to the measures for eradicating leprosy by banishment, and expressing his hatred of missionaries.

Wheeler & Wilson's Sewing Machines.

We call attention to the Wheeler & Wilson advertisement in our columns. This well-known Company has the most advantageous facilities for supplymost advantageous facilities for supply-ing the public with Sewing Machines, on as favorable terms as the business will allow. They warrant all their work, and it is a matter of importance to the purchaser to deal with a Company whose position and permanence give assurance that their guaranty will be fulfilled. They have agencies and offices throughout the civilized world, for furnishing needles, thread and other necessary supplies, and have an established reputation for reliability and fair dealing.

THE conspicuous triumph of Mesars. George Steck & Co., of New York, at the Vienna World's Fair in 1873, at which their pianos obtained the highest award—the only gold medal—has begun to yield them substantial fruits. The increased popularity of the Steck in-struments is noticeable not only in New York, where their excellence has long been acknowledged, but throughout the country, and more especially in those communities that lay special claim to a cultivated musical taste.—New York Independent,